

# Hunting and Trapping

## Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department  
of Fish and Game

**Emergency Order No.** 02-03-06

Issued at King Salmon, Alaska  
January 18, 2006

**Effective Date:** 12:01 a.m.  
January 20, 2006

**Expiration Date:** June 30, 2006  
unless superseded by  
subsequent emergency order

### **EXPLANATION:**

This emergency order opens a caribou registration permit hunt (RC 504) in the portion of Game Management Unit 9C north of the Alaska Peninsula Highway (the road between King Salmon and Naknek), west of the main stem of King Salmon Creek and Katmai National Park and south of the Alagnak River Drainage. Permits will be available only at the King Salmon ADF&G office and are available only to hunters who have not killed a caribou during the current regulatory year. Possession of a 2006 hunting license is also required. This emergency order does not alter any other caribou hunting regulations in Game Management Unit 9.

### **REGULATION:**

Therefore, the following regulations in **5 AAC 85.025(3), Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Caribou (a)**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective:

Units and Bag Limits	Resident	Nonresident
	Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Open Season

(3)

Unit 9(C), that portion north of  
the Naknek River and south of  
the Alagnak River drainage

#### RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 caribou by Tier II  
permit only; provided that  
the harvestable surplus,  
in combination with

Aug. 10-Sept. 20  
(Subsistence hunt  
only)

the Remainder of  
Unit 9(C) and Unit 9(E),  
is 1,200 caribou or less,  
up to 1,500 permits may be  
issued, or

Nov. 15-Feb. 28  
(Subsistence hunt  
only)

if the department determines  
that Mulchatna Herd caribou  
have largely replaced Northern  
Peninsula Herd caribou, 1 caribou  
may be taken by registration  
permit only during a winter  
season between Jan. 20 and  
Mar. 31 to be announced by  
emergency order

**Jan. 20-Mar. 15**

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

No open season.

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All other caribou hunting regulations in Unit 9 remain unchanged and are not affected by this emergency order.

McKie Campbell  
Commissioner

By delegation to:



Lem Butler  
Area Wildlife Biologist

**JUSTIFICATION:**

The Alaska Board of Game authorized a winter caribou hunting season in this portion of Game Management Unit 9C when the Mulchatna Herd caribou have largely replaced the Northern Alaska Peninsula Herd caribou in this hunt area. Currently there are 1,000 caribou from the Mulchatna Caribou Herd (MCH) in the hunt area opened by this Emergency Order. The majority of caribou from the Northern Alaska Peninsula Caribou Herd (NAPCH) are more than 25 miles south of the Naknek River. Movements of the NAPCH have been consistent with historical patterns that should continue to take the herd south, away from the hunt area. Given the current distribution of caribou in Game

Management Unit 9, it is unlikely that any caribou from the NAPCH could be harvested during this hunt.

This hunt is intended to provide additional opportunity for hunters to take MCH caribou in Game Management Unit 9C without jeopardizing the NAPCH. If caribou from the NAPCH cross the Naknek River, an immediate closure will be announced.